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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ARATANI et al

Serial No.: 09/532,740

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For: **LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS**

Art Unit: 3674

Examiner: A. Abdulselam

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LETTER REQUESTING ACTIVE STATUS AND AVOIDING ABANDONMENT

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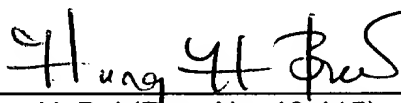Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 3, 2004

Sir:

This letter is to request confirmation from the Examiner that the finality of the Office Action (Paper No. 17) dated on May 3, 2004, is <u>withdrawn</u>, upon receipt of the Amendment After Final filed on July 27, 2004, as expressly indicated by the Examiner in the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record (Paper No. 18) dated on August 2, 2004. As a result, there is no need for the Applicants to file any other paper and the Applicants have been confirmed by the Examiner during the Telephone Interview conducted on November 1, 2004, that a new Office Action will be issued and, that the above-referenced application will remain pending in the USPTO despite the expiration of the six-month statutory period for reply on November 3, 2004. However, Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be held from abandonment and, authorize the USPTO to

charge any necessary fees, including Notice of Appeal, to ensure that the application remains active and avoids unnecessary abandonment.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, No. 01-2135 (Application No. 503.38382X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.
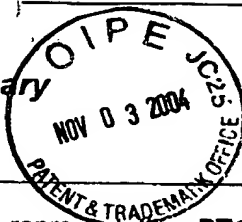
Respectfully submitted,

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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Abbas I Abdulselam	2674

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) _Huang_

(3)_____.

(4)_____.

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STMT NT SUB:9/2/04
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Date of Interview: _08/02/04_

Type: a)☑ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

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Claim(s) discussed: _1, 2, 86_

Hirai et al (6122021) USPN

Identification of prior art discussed: _____. _Britten (USPN 5749646)_

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☑ was reached. g)☐ was not reached. h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _The secondary reference (Britten USPN 5749646) was discussed._
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

The examiner agrees that the secondary reference, Britten is not quite applicable, and hence the finality of the rejection is withdrawn, upon receiving the official response from the Applicant, the examiner will conduct further searching

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required